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SOUTH AFRICA (SF).SUBJ: [REDACTED] /SOUTH AFRICAN BULLETIN EXPLAINING  
SANDF DEPLOYMENT TO BURUNDI (U)WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY  
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SUMMARY: (U) SUMMARY OF THE ENTRANCE OF SANDF FORCES INTO  
BURUNDI. REPORT PROVIDES EXCELLENT WEB SITE FOR TRACKING  
INFORMATION ON SANDF OPERATIONS. ENCLOSURE.--(C) "THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND BURUNDI SIGNED  
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2001  
PAVING THE WAY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) TO  
DEPLOY SA NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE (SANDF) TROOPS TO BURUNDI.--(C) THE FIRST GROUP OF [REDACTED] TROOPS UNDER THE  
COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN ((KOBE)), THE GENERAL  
OFFICER COMMANDING 43 SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADE, LEFT FROM AIR  
FORCE BASE WATERKLOOF, PRETORIA, ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY  
28 OCTOBER 2001 AND ARRIVED IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI, LATER  
THE SAME DAY.--(C) A SECOND GROUP OF [REDACTED] TROOPS LEFT FROM THE AIR  
BASE ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2001. THE THIRD  
GROUP OF [REDACTED] TROOPS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BURUNDI  
AT THE WEEKEND.--(C) THE TROOPS, ALL IN UNIFORM AND ARMED, ARE DRAWN  
FROM A NUMBER OF UNITS IN THE SANDF LIKE PARATROOPERS FROM  
44 PARACHUTE BRIGADE, MEDICAL ORDERLIES FROM THE SA  
MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE, VIP PROTECTION UNITS FROM THE SA  
AIR FORCE, SIGNALERS FROM WONDERBOOM MILITARY BASE, WHILE  
THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT COMES FROM 43 SA BRIGADE.--(C) THE UNITED NATION ENDORSED THE BROAD OPERATIONAL  
CONCEPT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION ON 23 OCTOBER 01.--(C) IN TERMS OF THIS CONCEPT THE CONTINGENT IS  
MANDATED TO PROTECT BURUNDI POLITICAL LEADERS RETURNING  
FROM EXILE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT  
WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE BY 1 NOVEMBER 01.--(C) THE PERIOD OF SERVICE OF THE SA CONTINGENT IN  
BURUNDI IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE

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TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL REMAIN THERE FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD WITH ROTATION OF TROOPS AFTER THAT IF REQUIRED.

—(C) THE POSSIBLE ENTRANCE OF OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES COULD ALSO AFFECT THIS PERIOD.

—(C) THE BURUNDI PEACE PROCESS FACILITATOR, FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT, MR. NELSON ((MANDELA)), NEGOTIATED THE FUNDING OF THIS OPERATION.

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SUBJ: [REDACTED] SOUTH AFRICA N BULLETIN EXPLAINING SANDF DEPLOYMENT TO BURUNDI (U)

—(C) ADDRESSING A MEDIA CONFERENCE IN PRETORIA ON 26 OCTOBER 2001, THE CHIEF OF THE SANDF, GENERAL S. ((NYANDA)), SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TROOPS DEPLOYED WERE WELL-PREPARED FOR THE MISSION THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN, BUT NEVERTHELESS HAD CONTINGENCY PLANS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE TROOPS IF THINGS DID NOT TURN OUT AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED THEM." END QUOTE.

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